

a dog when she cries, well that's complicated! how can we know what's inside the mind of a dog?

i know dogs experience longing, as humans do, but do they have a concept of what they're longing for, as humans do? you? any human? another dog? an other?

is it possible that the dog is not longing for anything or anyone specifically, just as when she's hungry she's not hungry for a specific food?

i imagine a dog fretting all day with longing and loneliness and when she sees you again thinking, *ah that's why i was feeling so miserable. i was missing you!* but that's a joke.

the point is that what she is experiencing is not longing for you especially, or even longing for a human, a dog that longs is just longing. it is not a relationship with what is not.

the dog is complete. she is real, and authentic, even in her longing.

*and especially*